

**Appendix N:**

**Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMA) and  
Extensive Recreation Management Areas (ERMA) Tables**

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## N. SRMA and ERMA Tables

### Special Recreation Management Areas

Four Dances Special Recreation Area		
<b><u>Management Objectives:</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide dispersed recreation experiences accessible from Billings and the local community.</li> <li>• Provide wildlife habitat</li> <li>• Balance the widest range of beneficial uses with the least amount of degradation, possible without risking health and safety, and with a minimum of other undesirable or unintended consequences on other resources.</li> <li>• Protect historic, cultural and scenic values (Historic Will James Cabin)</li> </ul>	
Outcomes		
<b>Primary Activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiking</li> <li>• Running</li> <li>• Cross country skiing</li> <li>• Bird watching</li> <li>• Picnicking</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Exercising pets</li> <li>• Scenery and wildlife viewing</li> <li>• Yellowstone River access</li> </ul>	<b>Experiences:</b> <b>Enjoying:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solitude</li> <li>• Family Recreation</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Exercise</li> <li>• Scenery</li> <li>• Escaping everyday responsibilities for awhile</li> <li>• Viewing historic building ( Will James Cabin)</li> <li>• having access to close-to-home outdoor amenities</li> <li>• Appreciation of historic and pre-historic cultural resources.</li> </ul>	<b>Benefits:</b> <b>Personal:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness</li> <li>• Restored mind from unwanted stress</li> <li>• Greater sense of overall wellness</li> <li>• Enhanced cultural resource stewardship ethic</li> </ul> <b>Household and Community:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved quality of life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of and appreciation for our cultural heritage</li> <li>• Greater appreciation for the area and outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Involvement in recreation and other land use decisions</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire.</li> </ul> <b>Economic:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive contributions to local-regional economic stability</li> <li>• Increased work productivity</li> <li>• Reduced health maintenance costs</li> </ul> <b>Environmental:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased resource stewardship and protection by communities</li> </ul>

## Four Dances Special Recreation Area

### Setting Prescriptions

#### Physical:

- The area is Rural. The surrounding character of the landscape is considerably modified (20-40 acre ranchettes, communications towers and two private in-holdings within the boundaries). The most natural area occurs along the western edge of the SRMA with views of the urban/industrial core area of Billings easily accessible. The historic/rustic Will James cabin lies on the northern edge. Facilities include an unpaved parking lot, vault toilet and kiosk. One caretakers' residence could be allowed but could not disturb more than ½ acre nor change the VRM, Recreational Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) or ACEC Scenic values.

#### Social:

- Mostly small groups of 1-5 with occasional large group activities including Native American ceremonies.
- Could encounter 1-10 persons per day on weekends and 1-5 persons during week days.

#### Administrative:

- Day use only
- Closed to: horseback riding, Closed to atv's/snowmobiles, pedal bicycles
- Closed to fireworks discharge
- OHV use limited to administrative use only
- Closed to hang gliding
- Closed to rock climbing
- Closed to paint ball
- Closed to discharging of firearms
- Closed to exercising pets off leash
- Closed to driving off road/cross country.
- Compliance with terms of conservation easments

### Management Actions and Allowable Use Decisions

#### Recreation and Visitor Services:

- Facilitate targeted recreation opportunities:
  - Implement current travel management decisions.
- Maintain setting:
  - Developments would be managed to VRM class III
- Health, safety, resource protection, user conflict resolution
  - Closed to OHV
  - Closed to equestrian use
  - Closed to rock climbing
  - Closed to hang gliding
  - No discharge of firearms
  - No fuel-wood collection
  - No fireworks
  - The area may be closed during high fire danger
- Special Recreation Permit criteria:
  - Archery hunting may be allowed, if deemed necessary for wildlife population control by MTFWP. (An authorization from BLM would also be required).
  - Large Native American events for traditional uses may be allowed under BLM authorization, if not in conflict with basic management
  - Other permits considered if not in conflict with basic management.

#### Other Programs:

- Surface Use Controls:
  - Withdrawn from location or entry under US mining laws for 20 years.
  - No geophysical exploration
  - Closed to mineral leasing, exploration and development
  - Closed to mineral deposit
- Range Management:
  - Grazing would only be allowed to meet other resource objectives
- Fire and Fuels Management:
  - May be subject to closure during high fire danger
  - May be subject to fire and fuels management activities to restore and maintain forest health, reduce fire hazards, and maintain wildlife habitat.
- Visual Resource Management:
  - Manage as VRM class III
- Cultural Resource Management
  - Large Native American events for traditional uses may be allowed under BLM authorization, if not in conflict with basic management

<b>Four Dances Special Recreation Area</b>			
<b>Implementation Decisions</b>			
<p><b>Management:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A recreation area management plan (RAMP) will be developed.</li> <li>• The Will James cabin will be maintained according to the Secretary of Interior Standards</li> <li>• Develop system of multiple use trails. (Bicycle, foot, X-C ski)</li> <li>• Pets off-leash allowed in outside of concentrated use area (parking lot and restroom/trailhead).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Administrative:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All motorized/mechanized use limited to specifically administrative use</li> </ul>	<p><b>Information and Education:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A comprehensive sign plan including information kiosks and route designation would be developed and implemented as part of the RAMP for this SRMA.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monitoring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assure objectives are being met and prescribed settings are being maintained.</li> <li>• Monitor implemented actions and evaluate.</li> </ul>

Sundance Lodge Special Recreation Area		
<b>Management Objectives:</b>	Manage to minimize user conflicts and impacts to resources while providing opportunities for non-motorized activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide wildlife habitat</li> <li>• Protect historic, cultural, and scenic values.</li> <li>• Balance the widest range of beneficial uses with the least amount of degradation, possible without risking health and safety, and with a minimum of other undesirable or unintended consequences on other resources.</li> <li>• Provide dispersed recreation experiences accessible from Billings and surrounding local communities.</li> </ul>	
Outcomes		
<b>Primary Activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Hunting (archery and shotgun)</li> <li>• Canoeing</li> <li>• Hiking</li> <li>• Running</li> <li>• Cross country skiing</li> <li>• Bird watching</li> <li>• Horseback riding</li> <li>• Picnicking</li> <li>• Exercising pets off leash</li> <li>• Access to the Clark's Fork of the Yellowstone River</li> <li>• Wildlife viewing</li> </ul>	<b>Experiences:</b> <b>Enjoying:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solitude</li> <li>• Family Recreation</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Canoeing</li> <li>• Exercise</li> <li>• Exercising pets off leash</li> <li>• Scenery</li> <li>• Escaping everyday responsibilities for awhile</li> <li>• Having access to close-to-home outdoor amenities</li> <li>• Appreciation of historic and pre-historic cultural resources.</li> </ul>	<b>Benefits:</b> <b>Personal:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness</li> <li>• Restored mind from unwanted stress</li> <li>• Greater sense of overall wellness</li> <li>• Enhanced cultural resource stewardship ethic</li> </ul> <b>Household and Community:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved quality of life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of and appreciation for our cultural heritage</li> <li>• Greater appreciation for the area and outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Involvement in recreation and other land use decisions</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire.</li> </ul> <b>Economic:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive contributions to local-regional economic stability</li> <li>• Increased work productivity</li> <li>• Reduced health maintenance costs</li> </ul> <b>Environmental:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased resource stewardship and protection by communities</li> </ul>

## Sundance Lodge Special Recreation Area

### Setting Prescriptions

#### Physical:

- The area has a “Rural Recreation” Rural Recreation Opportunity Spectrum management direction.
- The BLM maintains a storage barn/shop and equipment and supplies storage yard.
- The public use area contains a parking lot, trailhead kiosk, Block Management sign-in station, vault toilet and barriers and fences to exclude OHVs from the trail system. Open area are subject cultivation to provide wildlife habitat and maintain land use pattern.

#### Social:

- Mostly small groups of 1-5 with occasional large group activities including Native American ceremonies.
- Could encounter 1-10 persons per day on weekends and 1-5 persons during week days.

#### Administrative:

- OHV use including bicycles limited to administrative and authorized use only.
- Closed to discharge of rifles and pistols
- Closed to paintball activities
- Permanent tree stands prohibited
- Day use only
- Open campfires only in designated sites.
- Closed to fireworks discharge
- Closed to driving off road/cross country.

### Management Actions and Allowable Use Decisions

#### Recreation and Visitor Services:

- Facilitate targeted recreation opportunities:
  - Cooperative management with Pheasants Forever facilitates bird populations and hunting
  - Cooperative management with Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks as a Block Management area close to urban populations.
- Maintain setting:
  - Day use only
- Health, safety, resource protection, user conflict resolution
  - OHV use including bicycles limited to administrative and authorized use only.
  - Closed to discharge of rifles and pistols
  - Closed to paintball activities
  - Permanent tree stands prohibited
  - May be subject to closure during high fire danger
- Special Recreation Permit criteria:
  - Use of shotguns, driving off highway vehicles, overnight camping and competitive events require approval from the Billings Field Office Manager

#### Other Programs:

#### Surface Use Controls:

- BLM does not have mineral rights for Sundance Lodge. NEPA for future development could address access routes, mining/drilling locations, but cannot deny access.
  - A surface use plan must be approved prior to permitting any surface disturbing activities.
- Range Management:
  - Grazing may be authorized for the purposes of weed control, vegetative management to reduce hazardous fuels, or to provide short-grass habitat and habitat diversity for wildlife.
- Fire and Fuels Management:
  - Fireworks are prohibited
  - Aggressive fire suppression would be used
  - Open campfires may be allowed in designated sites only.
  - Subject to fire and fuels management activities to restore and maintain forest health, reduce fire hazards, and maintain wildlife habitat.
- Visual Resource Management:
  - Managed as a VRM Class III criteria.

## Sundance Lodge Special Recreation Area

### Implementation Decisions

#### Management:

- A recreation area management plan (RAMP) will be developed.
- Prescribed fire, livestock grazing and vegetative thinning would be used to reduce hazardous fuels
- Parking lot may be modified
- Installation of a vault toilet –
- Use of BMPs
- Use of shotguns, driving off highway vehicles, overnight camping and competitive events require approval from the Billings Field Office Manager
- In-holdings may be eliminated if an opportunity for land tenure consolidation is presented.
- Farming may continue under the Cooperative habitat Agreement
- Area is available for environmental education programs.

#### Administrative:

- Bee keeping will require a permit.
- Farming may continue on cultivated areas
- Continue the agreement with Pheasants Forever and Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks.
- Developments may include a parking lot, fully accessible toilet, a boat ramp
- Harvest of dead and down material will be permitted for personal use only if the material creates a safety/fire hazard or obstructs a trail, road, or parking area.
- Any visual alterations must meet VRM Class III criteria.
- Right away avoidance area

#### Information and Education:

- interpretive signs
- meeting facility

#### Monitoring:

- A trespass prevention, detection and abatement program will be developed consistent with laws and land use planning.

**Shepherd Ah Nei Special Recreation Area – OHV Use Area (RMZ 1) (976 acres)**

<b>Management Objectives:</b>	<p><b>The objective of area management is to continue to provide opportunities for non-competitive motorized or mechanized trail riding for all ability levels local to the most populous urban area in Montana.</b></p> <p>This area meets the criteria for unique value as the only lands within the BIFO managed to provide specifically designated ATV trails. It meets the importance criteria for its close proximity the Montana’s most populous urban area. (RMZ 1) has a developed parking area and OHV trailhead and provides access to over 50 miles of designated OHV trails.</p>
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**Outcomes**

<b>Primary Activities:</b>	<b>Experiences:</b>	<b>Benefits:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OHV trail riding,</li> <li>• mountain biking,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing skills and abilities</li> <li>• Testing endurance</li> <li>• Enjoying risk-taking adventure</li> <li>• Enjoying the closeness of friends and family</li> <li>• Escaping everyday responsibilities for awhile</li> <li>• Enjoying having access to close-to-home outdoor amenities</li> </ul>	<p><b>Personal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness</li> <li>• Better health maintenance</li> <li>• Restored mind from unwanted stress</li> <li>• Greater cultivation of outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Improved outdoor knowledge, skills, and self-confidence</li> <li>• Greater environmental awareness and sensitivity</li> <li>• More well-informed and responsible visitors.</li> </ul> <p><b>Household and Community:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involvement in recreation and other land use decisions</li> <li>• Improved cultivation of aesthetic appreciation for the area and an outdoor-oriented lifestyle.</li> <li>• Heightened sense of community satisfaction.</li> </ul> <p><b>Economic:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive contributions to local-regional economic stability.</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire.</li> <li>• Enhanced ability for visitors to find areas providing wanted recreation experiences and benefits.</li> <li>• Increased local tax revenue from visitors.</li> </ul> <p><b>Environmental:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater retention of distinctive natural landscape features.</li> <li>• Increased resource stewardship and protection by users</li> </ul>

## Shepherd Ah Nei Special Recreation Area – OHV Use Area (RMZ 1) (976 acres)

### Setting Prescriptions

**Physical: Front country.**

- mostly natural in appearance with structures limited to natural surface trails, fences, cattle guards, and stock tank/ troughs. Signs limited to route designations. Closed travel routes are blocked with buck and pole barricades.

**Social: Front country.**

- Group sizes less than 10, typically 5 or less per group.
- Could encounter up to 25-50 persons per day on weekends, +/- 10 persons on weekdays.

**Administrative: Front country.**

- Rules are posted and use may be temporarily restricted due to permitted events or resource concerns due to weather.
- Area accommodates multiple-use including grazing, OHV.
- OHV's restricted to designated routes per travel management plan.
- Day use only.
- Target shooting prohibited, hunting allowed.

### Management Actions and Allowable Use Decisions

**Recreation and Visitor Services:**

- Facilitate targeted recreation opportunities:
  - Manage to provide OHV riding opportunities for all levels of non-competitive riding vehicles 50 inches wide or less.
  - Hunting allowed in conformance with MTFWP regulations.
  - Implement current travel management decisions.
- Maintain setting:
  - Restrict facilities development to OHV Use Area Parking area unless modified by RAMP.
  - Use on roads or certain non-motorized activities may be temporarily, seasonally or permanently curtailed as a result of identified emergent conditions or excessive resource damage.
- Health, safety, resource protection, user conflict resolution:
  - Close and restore all non-designated trails
  - Trapping prohibited.
  - No wood cutting.
  - No target shooting.
- Special Recreation Permit criteria:
  - Applications for SRP's may be delayed or denied and activities may be relocated when environmental analysis identifies unacceptable levels of change to resources or conflicts with other users that would result from permitted activities.
  - Until completion of the RAMP SRP applications will be considered on an individual basis.

**Other Programs:**

- Surface Use Controls:
- Oil and gas leasing, exploration and development would be allowed with an NSO stipulation
- Range Management:
  - Surface disturbing activities related to facility development and maintenance would be subject to mitigation guidelines.
- Fire and Fuels Management:
  - Area may be subject to fire and fuels management activities to restore and maintain forest health, reduce fire hazards, and maintain wildlife habitat
- Visual Resource Management:
  - Manage as Class II in back and middle country, Class III in front country area.

**Shepherd Ah Nei Special Recreation Area – OHV Use Area (RMZ 1) (976 acres)**

**Implementation Decisions**

**Management:**

- A recreation area management plan (RAMP) will be developed.
- Specific SRP criteria will be developed in the RAMP.

**Administrative:**

- Designated uses for existing trails.
- All motorized/mechanized use limited to specifically designated trails & roads only.

**Information and Education:**

- A comprehensive sign plan including information kiosks and route designation would be developed and implemented as part of the RAMP for this SRMA.

**Monitoring:**

- Assure objectives are being met and prescribed settings are being maintained.
- Monitor implemented actions and evaluate.

**Shepherd Ah Nei Special Recreation Area – Equestrian/Non-Motorized Use Area (RMZ 2) (3,664 acres)**

**Management Objectives:** The objective of area management is to continue to provide opportunities for equestrian riding, non-motorized use and hiking local to the most populous urban area in Montana. This area meets the criteria for unique value as the only lands within the BIFO with a developed equestrian trailhead. It meets the importance criteria for its close proximity the Montana’s most populous urban area. (RMZ 2) has a developed parking area and equestrian trailhead and provides access to over XXX acres of open ponderosa pine savannah with trails along previously existing closed motor vehicle routes.

**Outcomes**

<p><b>Primary Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equestrian trail and cross country riding.</li> <li>• Hiking</li> <li>• Mountain biking</li> <li>• Hunting</li> </ul>	<p><b>Experiences:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing skills and abilities</li> <li>• Testing endurance</li> <li>• Enjoying risk-taking adventure</li> <li>• Enjoying the closeness of friends and family</li> <li>• Escaping everyday responsibilities for awhile</li> <li>• Enjoying having access to close-to-home outdoor amenities</li> </ul>	<p><b>Benefits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Improved physical fitness</li> <li>– Better health maintenance</li> <li>– Restored mind from unwanted stress</li> <li>– Greater cultivation of outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>– Improved outdoor knowledge, skills, and self-confidence</li> <li>– Greater environmental awareness and sensitivity</li> <li>– More well-informed and responsible visitors</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Household and Community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Involvement in recreation and other land use decisions</li> <li>– Improved cultivation of aesthetic appreciation for the area and an outdoor-oriented lifestyle.</li> <li>– Heightened sense of community satisfaction</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Economic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Positive contributions to local-regional economic stability.</li> <li>– Increased desirability as a place to live or retire.</li> <li>– Enhanced ability for visitors to find areas providing wanted recreation experiences and benefits.</li> <li>– Increased local tax revenue from visitors</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Environmental: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Greater retention of distinctive natural landscape features.</li> <li>– Increased resource stewardship and protection by users</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**Setting Prescriptions**

<p><b>Physical:</b> Back and middle country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mostly natural in appearance with structures limited to fences, cattle guards, and stock tank/ troughs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Social:</b> Middle country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group sizes less than 10, typically 5 or less per group.</li> <li>• Could encounter up to 10-15 persons per day on weekends, +/- 5 persons on weekdays.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Administrative:</b> Front and middle country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rules are posted and use may be temporarily restricted due to permitted events or resource concerns due to weather.</li> <li>• Area accommodates multiple-use including grazing, OHV.</li> <li>• OHV’s restricted to designated routes per travel management plan.</li> <li>• Day use only.</li> <li>• Target shooting prohibited, hunting allowed.</li> </ul>
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## Shepherd Ah Nei Special Recreation Area – Equestrian/Non-Motorized Use Area (RMZ 2) (3,664 acres)

### Management Actions and Allowable Use Decisions

#### Recreation and Visitor Services:

- Facilitate targeted recreation opportunities:
  - Hunting allowed in conformance with MTFWP regulations.
  - Implement current travel management decisions.
- Maintain setting:
  - Restrict facilities development to Entrance Parking Loop area unless modified by RAMP.
  - Use on roads or certain non-motorized activities may be temporarily, seasonally or permanently curtailed as a result of identified emergent conditions or excessive resource damage.
  - Continue cooperation with the Backcountry Horseman group and other interested parties to protect and enhance riding experiences.
- Health, safety, resource protection, user conflict resolution:
  - Close and restore all non-designated trails, improve designated trails to ensure they meet current management standards
  - Trapping prohibited.
  - No wood cutting.
  - No target shooting.
- Special Recreation Permit criteria:
  - Applications for SRP's may be delayed or denied and activities may be relocated when environmental analysis identifies unacceptable levels of change to resources or conflicts with other users that would result from permitted activities.
  - Until completion of the RAMP SRP applications will be considered on an individual basis.

#### Other Programs:

- Surface Use Controls:
  - Oil and gas leasing, exploration and development would be allowed with an NSO stipulation
- Range Management:
  - Surface disturbing activities related to facility development and maintenance would be subject to mitigation guidelines.
- Fire and Fuels Management:
  - Area may be subject to fire and fuels management activities to restore and maintain forest health, reduce fire hazards, and maintain wildlife habitat
- Visual Resource Management:
  - Manage as Class II in back and middle country, Class III in front country area.

### Implementation Decisions

#### Management:

- A recreation area management plan (RAMP) will be developed.
- Specific SRP criteria will be developed in the RAMP.
- Non-motorized, mechanized or un-mechanized multiple use trails may be developed as part of implementation level planning through a Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP)

#### Administrative:

- Designated uses for existing trails.
- All motorized/mechanized use limited to specifically administrative use, including grazing permittees engaged in grazing maintenance work.

#### Information and Education:

- A comprehensive sign plan including information kiosks and route designation would be developed and implemented as part of the RAMP for this SRMA.

#### Monitoring:

- Assure objectives are being met and prescribed settings are being maintained.
- Monitor implemented actions and evaluate.

Acton Special Recreation Management Area (3,697 acres)		
<b>Management Objectives:</b>	<p><b>Objectives for the SRMA are to provide general unconfined recreational opportunities while protecting resources and controlling conflicts between user groups.</b> This area meets the criteria for importance as a large block of undeveloped land proximate to Montana's most populous urban area. It provides opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, big game and upland bird hunting, and limited primitive camping. The area topography provides for expansive views of undeveloped/rural landscapes as well as ample visual screening allowing for use by multiple individuals or groups without significant disturbance or conflict.</p>	
Outcomes		
<p><u>Primary Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OHV on roads,</li> <li>• hiking,</li> <li>• wildlife watching</li> <li>• hunting for upland birds and big game,</li> <li>• mountain bike riding,</li> <li>• camping,</li> <li>• paint-ball games.</li> <li>• equestrian use</li> <li>• Extreme Sports</li> </ul>	<p><u>Experiences:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoying frequent exercise</li> <li>• Access to a range of physical challenge, including high risk.</li> <li>• Escaping everyday responsibilities for a while</li> <li>• Enjoying easy access to diverse recreation</li> <li>• Developing skills, abilities and self-confidence</li> <li>• Enjoying nature</li> <li>• Autonomy</li> <li>• Socializing</li> <li>• Achievement</li> <li>• Learning</li> <li>• Escape pressures</li> </ul>	<p><u>Benefits:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Improved physical fitness</li> <li>– Better health maintenance</li> <li>– Restored mind from unwanted stress</li> <li>– Greater cultivation of outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>– Improved outdoor knowledge, skills, and self-confidence</li> <li>– Greater environmental awareness and sensitivity</li> <li>– More well-informed and responsible visitors</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Household and Community:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Involvement in recreation and other land use decisions</li> <li>– Improved cultivation of aesthetic appreciation for the area and an outdoor-oriented lifestyle.</li> <li>– Heightened sense of community satisfaction</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Economic:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Positive contributions to local-regional economic stability.</li> <li>– Increased desirability as a place to live or retire.</li> <li>– Enhanced ability for visitors to find areas providing wanted recreation experiences and benefits.</li> <li>– Increased local tax revenue from visitors</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Environmental:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Greater retention of distinctive natural landscape features.</li> <li>– Increased resource stewardship and protection by users</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Acton Special Recreation Management Area (3,697 acres)

### Setting Prescriptions

**Physical: Back and middle country.**

- Mostly natural in appearance with structures limited to fences, cattle guards, and stock tank/ troughs. Signs limited to route designations. Closed travel routes are blocked with buck and pole barricades. Dispersed campsites located throughout area receive light use.

**Social: Middle Country.**

- Group sizes less than 10, typically 3 or less per group.
- Could encounter up to 20-30 persons per day on weekends, +/- 5 persons on weekdays.

**Administrative: Backcountry.**

- Rules are posted and use may be temporarily restricted due to permitted events or resource concerns due to weather.
- Area accommodates multiple-use including grazing.
- OHV's restricted to designated routes per travel management plan.
- This area can be accessed in the front country area by ordinary highway vehicles; middle and backcountry areas are accessible by 4-wheel drive and ATV's UTV's and motorcycles.

### Management Actions and Allowable Use Decisions

**Recreation and Visitor Services:**

- Facilitate targeted recreation opportunities:
  - Hunting allowed in conformance with MTFWP regulations.
  - Implement current travel management decisions.
- Maintain setting:
  - Restrict facilities development to Entrance Parking Loop area unless modified by RAMP.
  - Use on roads or certain non-motorized activities may be temporarily, seasonally or permanently curtailed as a result of identified emergent conditions or excessive resource damage.
- Health, safety, resource protection, user conflict resolution:
  - Close and restore all non-designated trails, improve designated trails to meet current management standards
  - Trapping prohibited.
  - No wood cutting.
  - No target shooting.
- Special Recreation Permit criteria:
  - Applications for SRP's may be delayed or denied and activities may be relocated when environmental analysis identifies unacceptable levels of change to resources or conflicts with other users that would result from permitted activities.
  - Until completion of the RAMP SRP applications will be considered on an individual case-by-case basis.

**Other Programs:**

- Surface Use Controls:
  - Oil and gas leasing, exploration and development would be allowed with an NSO stipulation
- Range Management:
  - Surface disturbing activities related to facility development and maintenance would be subject to mitigation guidelines.
- Fire and Fuels Management:
  - Area may be subject to fire and fuels management activities to restore and maintain forest health, reduce fire hazards, and maintain wildlife habitat
- Visual Resource Management:
  - Manage as Class II in back and middle country, Class III in front country area.

**Yellowstone River Corridor Special Recreation Management Area (6959 acres surface and minerals) – Main Stem River, RMZ 1**

<b>Management Objectives:</b>	<p>The goal is to manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide wildlife habitat</li> <li>• Protect historic, cultural, and scenic values.</li> <li>• Balance the widest range of beneficial uses with the least amount of degradation, possible without risking health and safety, and with a minimum of other undesirable or unintended consequences on other resources.</li> <li>• Provide dispersed recreation experiences.</li> </ul> <p>The SRMA will be managed to protect and preserve the remarkable scenic, recreational, geological, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, and other values along the longest free-flowing river in the lower 48 states.</p>
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**Outcomes**

<b>Primary Activities:</b>	<b>Experiences:</b>	<b>Benefits:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boating</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Hiking</li> <li>• Hunting</li> <li>• Sightseeing</li> <li>• Viewing wildlife</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to a range of physical challenge</li> <li>• Escaping everyday responsibilities for a while</li> <li>• Enjoying easy access to diverse recreation</li> <li>• Developing skills, abilities and self-confidence</li> <li>• Enjoying nature</li> <li>• Autonomy</li> <li>• Socializing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Improved physical fitness</li> <li>– Better health maintenance</li> <li>– Restored mind from unwanted stress</li> <li>– Greater cultivation of outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>– Improved outdoor knowledge, skills, and self-confidence</li> <li>– Greater environmental awareness and sensitivity</li> <li>– More well-informed and responsible visitors</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Household and Community:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Involvement in recreation and other land use decisions</li> <li>– Improved cultivation of aesthetic appreciation for the area and an outdoor-oriented lifestyle.</li> <li>– Heightened sense of community satisfaction</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Economic:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Positive contributions to local-regional economic stability.</li> <li>– Increased desirability as a place to live or retire.</li> <li>– Enhanced ability for visitors to find areas providing wanted recreation experiences and benefits.</li> <li>– Increased local tax revenue from visitors</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Environmental:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Greater retention of distinctive natural landscape features.</li> <li>– Increased resource stewardship and protection by users</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Yellowstone River Corridor Special Recreation Management Area (6959 acres surface and minerals) – Main Stem River, RMZ 1

### Setting Prescriptions

#### **Physical: Rural to Front country.**

- Within ½ mile of paved/primary roads and highways.
- Character of the natural landscape considerably modified (agriculture, residential or industrial).
- Modern facilities such as campgrounds, group shelters, boat launches, and occasional exhibits

#### **Social: Front country.**

- 15-29 encounters/day off travel routes (e.g., campgrounds) and 30 or more encounters/day on travel routes.
- 13-25 people per group.
- Small areas of alteration prevalent. Surface vegetation gone with compacted soils observed. Sounds of people regularly heard.

#### **Administrative: Front country.**

- Two-wheel drive vehicles predominant, but also four wheel drives and non-motorized, mechanized use.
- Basic maps, staff infrequently present (e.g. seasonally, high use periods) to provide on-site assistance
- Basic user regulations at key access points. Minimum use restrictions

### Management Actions and Allowable Use Decisions

#### **Recreation and Visitor Services:**

- Facilitate targeted recreation opportunities:
  - Hunting allowed in conformance with MTFWP regulations.
  - Implement current travel management decisions.
- Maintain setting:
  - Restrict facilities development to Entrance Parking Loop area unless modified by RAMP.
  - Use on roads or certain non-motorized activities may be temporarily, seasonally or permanently curtailed as a result of identified emergent conditions or excessive resource damage.
- Health, safety, resource protection, user conflict resolution:
  - Close and restore all non-designated trails, improve designated trails to meet management standards
  - Trapping by permit only.
  - No wood cutting.
  - No target shooting.
- Special Recreation Permit criteria:
  - Until completion of the RAMP SRP applications will be considered on an individual case-by-case basis. The BLM will provide SRPs consistent with 43 CFR 2932.26 and the goal of managing these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes.

#### **Other Programs:**

- Surface Use Controls:
  - Oil and gas leasing, exploration and development would be allowed with an NSO stipulation
- Range Management:
  - Surface disturbing activities related to facility development and maintenance would be subject to mitigation guidelines.
- Fire and Fuels Management:
  - Area may be subject to fire and fuels management activities to restore and maintain forest health, reduce fire hazards, and maintain wildlife habitat
- Visual Resource Management:
  - Manage as Class II in back and middle country, Class III in front country area.

**Yellowstone River Corridor Special Recreation Management Area (6959 acres surface and minerals) – Main Stem River, RMZ 1**

**Implementation Decisions**

<p><b>Management:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A recreation area management plan (RAMP) will be developed.</li> <li>• Specific SRP criteria will be developed in the RAMP.</li> <li>• Non-motorized, mechanized or un-mechanized multiple use trails may be developed as part of implementation level planning through a Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Administrative:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designated uses for existing trails.</li> <li>• All motorized/mechanized use limited to specifically designated trails &amp; roads only.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Information and Education:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A comprehensive sign plan including information kiosks and route designation would be developed and implemented as part of the RAMP for this SRMA.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monitoring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assure objectives are being met and prescribed settings are being maintained.</li> <li>• Monitor implemented actions and evaluate.</li> </ul>
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**Yellowstone River Corridor Special Recreation Management Area – Clark’s Fork of the Yellowstone, RMZ 2  
 (3182 acres, surface and minerals)**

<b>Management Objectives:</b>	<p>The goal is to manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide wildlife habitat</li> <li>• Protect historic, cultural, and scenic values.</li> <li>• Balance the widest range of beneficial uses with the least amount of degradation, possible without risking health and safety, and with a minimum of other undesirable or unintended consequences on other resources.</li> <li>• Provide dispersed recreation experiences.</li> </ul> <p>The SRMA will be managed to protect and preserve the remarkable scenic, recreational, geological, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, and other values along the longest free-flowing river in the lower 48 states.</p>
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**Outcomes**

<b>Primary Activities:</b>	<b>Experiences:</b>	<b>Benefits:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boating</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Hiking</li> <li>• Hunting</li> <li>• Sightseeing</li> <li>• Viewing wildlife</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to a range of physical challenge</li> <li>• Escaping everyday responsibilities for a while</li> <li>• Enjoying easy access to diverse recreation</li> <li>• Developing skills, abilities and self-confidence</li> <li>• Enjoying nature</li> <li>• Autonomy</li> <li>• Socializing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Improved physical fitness</li> <li>– Better health maintenance</li> <li>– Restored mind from unwanted stress</li> <li>– Greater cultivation of outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>– Improved outdoor knowledge, skills, and self-confidence</li> <li>– Greater environmental awareness and sensitivity</li> <li>– More well-informed and responsible visitors</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Household and Community:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Involvement in recreation and other land use decisions</li> <li>– Improved cultivation of aesthetic appreciation for the area and an outdoor-oriented lifestyle.</li> <li>– Heightened sense of community satisfaction</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Economic:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Positive contributions to local-regional economic stability.</li> <li>– Increased desirability as a place to live or retire.</li> <li>– Enhanced ability for visitors to find areas providing wanted recreation experiences and benefits.</li> <li>– Increased local tax revenue from visitors</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Environmental:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Greater retention of distinctive natural landscape features.</li> <li>– Increased resource stewardship and protection by users</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Yellowstone River Corridor Special Recreation Management Area – Clark’s Fork of the Yellowstone, RMZ 2  
 (3182 acres, surface and minerals)**

**Setting Prescriptions**

**Physical: Rural to Front country.**

- Within ½ mile of paved/primary roads and highways.
- Character of the natural landscape considerably modified (agriculture, residential or industrial).
- Modern facilities such as campgrounds, group shelters, boat launches, and occasional exhibits

**Social: Front country.**

- 15-29 encounters/day off travel routes (e.g., campgrounds) and 30 or more encounters/day on travel routes.
- 13-25 people per group.
- Small areas of alteration prevalent. Surface vegetation gone with compacted soils observed. Sounds of people regularly heard.

**Administrative: Front country.**

- Two-wheel drive vehicles predominant, but also four wheel drives and non-motorized, mechanized use.
- Basic maps, staff infrequently present (e.g. seasonally, high use periods) to provide on-site assistance
- Basic user regulations at key access points. Minimum use restrictions

**Management Actions and Allowable Use Decisions**

**Recreation and Visitor Services:**

- Facilitate targeted recreation opportunities:
  - Hunting allowed in conformance with MTFWP regulations.
  - Implement current travel management decisions.
- Maintain setting:
  - Restrict facilities development to Entrance Parking Loop area unless modified by RAMP.
  - Use on roads or certain non-motorized activities may be temporarily, seasonally or permanently curtailed as a result of identified emergent conditions or excessive resource damage.
- Health, safety, resource protection, user conflict resolution:
  - Close and restore all non-designated trails, improve designated trails to management standards
  - Trapping by permit only.
  - No wood cutting.
  - No target shooting.
- Special Recreation Permit criteria:
  - Until completion of the RAMP SRP applications will be considered on an individual basis. The BLM will provide SRPs consistent with 43 CFR 2932.26 and the goal of managing these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes.

**Other Programs:**

- Surface Use Controls:
  - Oil and gas leasing, exploration and development would be allowed with an NSO stipulation
- Range Management:
  - Surface disturbing activities related to facility development and maintenance would be subject to mitigation guidelines.
- Fire and Fuels Management:
  - Area may be subject to fire and fuels management activities to restore and maintain forest health, reduce fire hazards, and maintain wildlife habitat
- Visual Resource Management:
  - Manage as Class II in back and middle country, Class III in front country area.

## Yellowstone River Corridor Special Recreation Management Area – Clark’s Fork of the Yellowstone, RMZ 2 (3182 acres, surface and minerals)

### Implementation Decisions

**Management:**

- A recreation area management plan (RAMP) will be developed.
- Specific SRP criteria will be developed in the RAMP.
- Non-motorized, mechanized or un-mechanized multiple use trails may be developed as part of implementation level planning through a Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP)

**Administrative:**

- Designated uses for existing trails.
- All motorized/mechanized use limited to specifically designated trails & roads only.

**Information and Education:**

- A comprehensive sign plan including information kiosks and route designation would be developed and implemented as part of the RAMP for this SRMA.

**Monitoring:**

- Assure objectives are being met and prescribed settings are being maintained.
- Monitor implemented actions and evaluate

Mill Creek/Bundy Special Recreation Management Area		
<b>Management Objectives:</b>	<p>The goal is to manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes concurrent with other management priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide wildlife habitat</li> <li>• Protect historic, cultural, and scenic values.</li> <li>• Balance the widest range of beneficial uses with the least amount of degradation, possible without risking health and safety, and with a minimum of other undesirable or unintended consequences on other resources.</li> <li>• Provide dispersed recreation experiences.</li> </ul>	
Outcomes		
<p><b>Primary Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiking</li> <li>• Running</li> <li>• Cross country skiing</li> <li>• Bird watching</li> <li>• Picnicking</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Exercising pets</li> <li>• Scenery and wildlife viewing</li> <li>• Yellowstone River access</li> </ul>	<p><b>Experiences:</b></p> <p><b>Enjoying:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solitude</li> <li>• Family Recreation</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Exercise</li> <li>• Scenery</li> <li>• Escaping everyday responsibilities for awhile</li> <li>• having access to close-to-home outdoor amenities</li> </ul>	<p><b>Benefits:</b></p> <p><b>Personal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness</li> <li>• Restored mind from unwanted stress</li> <li>• Greater sense of overall wellness</li> <li>• Enhanced cultural resource stewardship ethic</li> </ul> <p><b>Household and Community:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved quality of life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of and appreciation for our natural landscapes</li> <li>• Greater appreciation for the area and outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Involvement in recreation and other land use decisions</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire.</li> </ul> <p><b>Economic:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive contributions to local-regional economic stability</li> <li>• Increased work productivity</li> <li>• Reduced health maintenance costs</li> </ul> <p><b>Environmental:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased resource stewardship and protection by communities</li> </ul>

## Mill Creek/Bundy Special Recreation Management Area

### Setting Prescriptions

#### Physical:

- The area is Rural. The surrounding character of the landscape is considerably modified (20-40 acre ranchettes, communications towers and two private in-holdings within the boundaries). The most natural area occurs along the western edge of the SRMA with views of the urban/industrial core area of Billings easily accessible. The historic/rustic Will James cabin lies on the northern edge. Facilities include an unpaved parking lot, vault toilet and kiosk. One caretakers' residence could be allowed but could not disturb more than ½ acre nor change the VRM, Recreational Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) or ACEC Scenic values.

#### Social:

- Mostly small groups of 1-5 with occasional large group activities
- Could encounter 1-10 persons per day on weekends and 1-5 persons during week days.

#### Administrative:

- Day use only
- Closed to fireworks discharge
- OHV use limited to designated routes only
- Closed to driving off road/cross country.
- Compliance with terms of conservation easements

### Management Actions and Allowable Use Decisions

#### Recreation and Visitor Services:

- Facilitate targeted recreation opportunities:
  - Implement current travel management decisions.
- Maintain setting:
  - Developments would be managed to VRM class III
- Health, safety, resource protection, user conflict resolution
  - Limited to OHV designations
  - Open to equestrian use
  - Open to rock climbing
  - Open to hang gliding
  - Open to hunting No fuel-wood collection
  - No fireworks
  - The area may be closed during high fire danger
- Special Recreation Permit criteria:
  - None

#### Other Programs:

- Surface Use Controls:
  - Oil and gas leasing, exploration and development would be allowed with an NSO stipulation
- Range Management:
  - Surface disturbing activities related to facility development and maintenance would be subject to mitigation guidelines.
- Fire and Fuels Management:
  - Area may be subject to fire and fuels management activities to restore and maintain forest health, reduce fire hazards, and maintain wildlife habitat
- Visual Resource Management:
  - Manage as VRM class III
- Cultural Resource Management
  - Large Native American events for traditional uses may be allowed under BLM authorization, if not in conflict with basic management

## Mill Creek/Bundy Special Recreation Management Area

### Implementation Decisions

#### Management:

##### Recreation and Visitor Services:

- Facilitate targeted recreation opportunities:
  - A recreation area management plan (RAMP) will be developed.
  - May be divided in to RMZs during RAMP development.
  - Hunting allowed in conformance with MTFWP regulations.
  - Implement current travel management decisions.
- Maintain setting:
  - Manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes. This goal would allow BLM to provide dispersed recreation opportunities and ensure that visual quality characteristics reflect a predominantly primitive or natural landscape while providing a diversity of visitor experiences.
- Health, safety, resource protection, user conflict resolution
  - Trapping permitted.
- Special Recreation Permit criteria:
  - The BLM will provide SRPs for commercial outfitting and guiding (hunting) consistent with 43 CFR 2932.26 and the goal of managing these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes. Outfitters and other recreational users will be required to use weed-free feed on BLM land for their livestock as a part of the integrated weed management program.

#### Administrative:

- All motorized/mechanized use limited to specifically designated routes

#### Information and Education:

- A comprehensive sign plan including information kiosks and route designation would be developed and implemented as part of the RAMP for this SRMA.

#### Monitoring:

- Assure objectives are being met and prescribed settings are being maintained.
- Monitor implemented actions and evaluate

## Pryor Mountains Special Recreation Management Area

<p><b>Management Objectives:</b></p>	<p>The goal is to manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes concurrent with other management priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide wildlife habitat</li> <li>• Protect historic, cultural, and scenic values.</li> <li>• Balance the widest range of beneficial uses with the least amount of degradation, possible without risking health and safety, and with a minimum of other undesirable or unintended consequences on other resources.</li> <li>• Provide dispersed recreation experiences.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Outcomes</b></p>		
<p><b>Primary Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiking</li> <li>• Running</li> <li>• Cross country skiing</li> <li>• Bird watching</li> <li>• Picnicking</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Exercising pets</li> <li>• Scenery and wildlife viewing</li> <li>• Wild Horse viewing</li> <li>• Caving</li> <li>• camping</li> </ul>	<p><b>Experiences:</b></p> <p><b>Enjoying:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solitude</li> <li>• Family Recreation</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Exercise</li> <li>• Scenery</li> <li>• Escaping everyday responsibilities for awhile</li> <li>• having access to outdoor amenities</li> </ul>	<p><b>Benefits:</b></p> <p><b>Personal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical fitness</li> <li>• Restored mind from unwanted stress</li> <li>• Greater sense of overall wellness</li> <li>• Enhanced cultural resource stewardship ethic</li> </ul> <p><b>Household and Community:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved quality of life</li> <li>• Greater awareness of and appreciation for our natural landscapes</li> <li>• Greater appreciation for the area and outdoor-oriented lifestyle</li> <li>• Involvement in recreation and other land use decisions</li> <li>• Increased desirability as a place to live or retire.</li> </ul> <p><b>Economic:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive contributions to local-regional economic stability</li> <li>• Increased work productivity</li> <li>• Reduced health maintenance costs</li> </ul> <p><b>Environmental:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased resource stewardship and protection by communities</li> </ul>

## Pryor Mountains Special Recreation Management Area

### Setting Prescriptions

#### Physical:

- The area is Remote. The surrounding character of the landscape is a considerably natural in condition.

#### Social:

- Mostly small groups of 1-5 with occasional large group activities
- Could encounter 1-10 persons per day on weekends and 1-5 persons during week days.

#### Administrative:

- Day use and overnight use
- Closed to fireworks discharge
- OHV use limited to designated routes only
- Closed to driving off road/cross country.
- Compliance with terms of conservation easements and IMP

### Management Actions and Allowable Use Decisions

#### Recreation and Visitor Services:

- Facilitate targeted recreation opportunities:
  - Implement current travel management decisions.
- Maintain setting:
  - Developments would be managed to VRM class III
- Health, safety, resource protection, user conflict resolution
  - Limited to OHV designations
  - Open to equestrian use
  - Open to rock climbing, caving
  - Open to hang gliding
  - Open to hunting
  - No fuel-wood collection
  - No fireworks
  - The area may be closed during high fire danger
- Special Recreation Permit criteria:
  - The BLM will provide SRPs for commercial outfitting and guiding (hunting) consistent with 43 CFR 2932.26 and the goal of managing these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes. Outfitters and other recreational users will be required to use weed-free feed on BLM land for their livestock as a part of the integrated weed management program.

#### Other Programs:

- Surface Use Controls:
  - Oil and gas leasing, exploration and development would be allowed with an NSO stipulation
- Range Management:
  - Surface disturbing activities related to facility development and maintenance would be subject to mitigation guidelines.
- Fire and Fuels Management:
  - Area may be subject to fire and fuels management activities to restore and maintain forest health, reduce fire hazards, and maintain wildlife habitat
- Visual Resource Management:
  - Manage as VRM Class III and VRM Class I inside WSAs. .

## Pryor Mountains Special Recreation Management Area

### Implementation Decisions

#### Management:

#### Recreation and Visitor Services:

- Facilitate targeted recreation opportunities:
  - A recreation area management plan (RAMP) will be developed.
  - May be divided in to RMZs during RAMP development.
  - Hunting allowed in conformance with MTFWP regulations.
  - Implement current travel management decisions.
- Maintain setting:
  - Manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes. This goal would allow BLM to provide dispersed recreation opportunities and ensure that visual quality characteristics reflect a predominantly primitive or natural landscape while providing a diversity of visitor experiences.
- Health, safety, resource protection, user conflict resolution
  - Trapping permitted.
  - SRPs allowed

#### Administrative:

- All motorized/mechanized use limited to specifically designated routes

#### Information and Education:

- A comprehensive sign plan including information kiosks and route designation would be developed and implemented as part of the RAMP for this SRMA.

#### Monitoring:

- Assure objectives are being met and prescribed settings are being maintained.
- Monitor implemented actions and evaluate.

**Extensive Recreation Management Areas:**

<b>Mill Creek/Bundy Extensive Recreation Management Area (34,239 acres)</b>	
<b>Management Objectives</b>	<p>The goal is to manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes concurrent with other management priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide wildlife habitat</li> <li>• Protect historic, cultural, and scenic values.</li> <li>• Balance the widest range of beneficial uses with the least amount of degradation, possible without risking health and safety, and with a minimum of other undesirable or unintended consequences on other resources.</li> <li>• Provide dispersed recreation experiences.</li> </ul>
<b>Management Actions and Allowable Use Decisions</b>	
<p><b>Recreation and Visitor Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate targeted recreation opportunities:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– A recreation area management plan (RAMP) will be developed.</li> <li>– May be divided in to RMZs during RAMP development.</li> <li>– Hunting allowed in conformance with MTFWP regulations.</li> <li>– Implement current travel management decisions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Maintain setting:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes. This goal would allow BLM to provide dispersed recreation opportunities and ensure that visual quality characteristics reflect a predominantly primitive or natural landscape while providing a diversity of visitor experiences.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Health, safety, resource protection, user conflict resolution                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Trapping permitted.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Special Recreation Permit criteria:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The BLM will provide SRPs for commercial outfitting and guiding (hunting) consistent with 43 CFR 2932.26 and the goal of managing these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes. Outfitters and other recreational users will be required to use weed-free feed on BLM land for their livestock as a part of the integrated weed management program.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Other Programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surface Use Controls:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Oil and gas leasing, exploration and development would be allowed with an NSO stipulation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Range Management:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Surface disturbing activities related to facility development and maintenance would be subject to mitigation guidelines.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fire and Fuels Management:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Area may be subject to fire and fuels management activities to restore and maintain forest health, reduce fire hazards, and maintain wildlife habitat</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Visual Resource Management:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Manage as Class III.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Pryor Mountains Extensive Recreation Management Area - East of Crooked Creek (73,320 acres)**

<b>Management Objectives:</b>	<p>The goal is to manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes concurrent with other management priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide wildlife habitat</li> <li>• horse viewing</li> <li>• Protect historic, cultural, and scenic values.</li> <li>• Balance the widest range of beneficial uses with the least amount of degradation, possible without risking health and safety, and with a minimum of other undesirable or unintended consequences on other resources.</li> <li>• Provide dispersed recreation experiences.</li> </ul>
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**Management Actions and Allowable Use Decisions**

<p><b>Recreation and Visitor Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate targeted recreation opportunities:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– A recreation area management plan (RAMP) will be developed.</li> <li>– Hunting allowed in conformance with MTFWP regulations.</li> <li>– Implement current travel management decisions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Maintain setting:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes. This goal would allow BLM to provide dispersed recreation opportunities and ensure that visual quality characteristics reflect a predominantly primitive or natural landscape while providing a diversity of visitor experiences.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Health, safety, resource protection, user conflict resolution             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Trapping permitted.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Special Recreation Permit criteria:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The BLM will provide SRPs for commercial outfitting and guiding (hunting) consistent with 43 CFR 2932.26 and the goal of managing these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes. Outfitters and other recreational users will be required to use weed-free feed on BLM land for their livestock as a part of the integrated weed management program.</li> <li>– Wild horse viewing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Other Programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surface Use Controls:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Oil and gas leasing, exploration and development would be allowed with an NSO stipulation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Range Management:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Surface disturbing activities related to facility development and maintenance would be subject to mitigation guidelines.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fire and Fuels Management:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Area may be subject to fire and fuels management activities to restore and maintain forest health, reduce fire hazards, and maintain wildlife habitat</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Visual Resource Management:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Manage as Class III.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wild Horse Management:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Manage wild horses in accordance with HMAP.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**Pryor Mountains Extensive Recreation Management Area - West of Crooked Creek to Bowler (81,227 acres)**

<b>Management Objectives:</b>	<p>The goal is to manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes concurrent with other management priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide wildlife habitat</li> <li>• Protect historic, cultural, and scenic values.</li> <li>• Balance the widest range of beneficial uses with the least amount of degradation, possible without risking health and safety, and with a minimum of other undesirable or unintended consequences on other resources.</li> <li>• Provide dispersed recreation experiences.</li> </ul>
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**Management Actions and Allowable Use Decisions**

<p><b>Recreation and Visitor Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate targeted recreation opportunities:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– A recreation area management plan (RAMP) will be developed.</li> <li>– Hunting allowed in conformance with MTFWP regulations.</li> <li>– Implement current travel management decisions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Maintain setting:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes. This goal would allow BLM to provide dispersed recreation opportunities and ensure that visual quality characteristics reflect a predominantly primitive or natural landscape while providing a diversity of visitor experiences.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Health, safety, resource protection, user conflict resolution             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Trapping permitted.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Special Recreation Permit criteria:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The BLM will provide SRPs for commercial outfitting and guiding (hunting) consistent with 43 CFR 2932.26 and the goal of managing these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes. Outfitters and other recreational users will be required to use weed-free feed on BLM land for their livestock as a part of the integrated weed management program.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Other Programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surface Use Controls:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Oil and gas leasing, exploration and development would be allowed with an NSO stipulation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Range Management:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Surface disturbing activities related to facility development and maintenance would be subject to mitigation guidelines.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fire and Fuels Management:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Area may be subject to fire and fuels management activities to restore and maintain forest health, reduce fire hazards, and maintain wildlife habitat</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Visual Resource Management:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Manage as Class III.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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## Horsethief Extensive Recreation Management Area (12,261 acres)

<b>Management Objectives:</b>	<p>The goal is to manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes concurrent with other management priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide wildlife habitat</li> <li>• Protect historic, cultural, and scenic values.</li> <li>• Balance the widest range of beneficial uses with the least amount of degradation, possible without risking health and safety, and with a minimum of other undesirable or unintended consequences on other resources.</li> <li>• Provide dispersed recreation experiences.</li> </ul>
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### Management Actions and Allowable Use Decisions

<p><b>Recreation and Visitor Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate targeted recreation opportunities:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– A recreation area management plan (RAMP) will be developed.</li> <li>– Hunting allowed in conformance with MTFWP regulations.</li> <li>– Implement current travel management decisions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Maintain setting:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes. This goal would allow BLM to provide dispersed recreation opportunities and ensure that visual quality characteristics reflect a predominantly primitive or natural landscape while providing a diversity of visitor experiences.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Health, safety, resource protection, user conflict resolution             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Trapping permitted.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Special Recreation Permit criteria:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The BLM will provide SRPs for commercial outfitting and guiding (hunting) consistent with 43 CFR 2932.26 and the goal of managing these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Other Programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surface Use Controls:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Oil and gas leasing, exploration and development would be allowed with an NSO stipulation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Range Management:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Surface disturbing activities related to facility development and maintenance would be subject to mitigation guidelines.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fire and Fuels Management:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Area may be subject to fire and fuels management activities to restore and maintain forest health, reduce fire hazards, and maintain wildlife habitat</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Visual Resource Management:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Manage as Class III.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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## Asparagus Point Recreation Management Area (158 acres)

<b>Management Objectives:</b>	<p>The goal is to manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes concurrent with other management priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide wildlife habitat</li> <li>• Protect historic, cultural, and scenic values.</li> <li>• Balance the widest range of beneficial uses with the least amount of degradation, possible without risking health and safety, and with a minimum of other undesirable or unintended consequences on other resources.</li> <li>• Provide dispersed recreation experiences.</li> </ul>
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### Management Actions and Allowable Use Decisions

<p><b>Recreation and Visitor Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate targeted recreation opportunities:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– A recreation area management plan (RAMP) will be developed.</li> <li>– Hunting allowed in conformance with MTFWP regulations.</li> <li>– Implement current travel management decisions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Maintain setting:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes. This goal would allow BLM to provide dispersed recreation opportunities and ensure that visual quality characteristics reflect a predominantly primitive or natural landscape while providing a diversity of visitor experiences.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Health, safety, resource protection, user conflict resolution             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Trapping permitted.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Special Recreation Permit criteria:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The BLM will provide SRPs for commercial outfitting and guiding (hunting) consistent with 43 CFR 2932.26 and the goal of managing these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Other Programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surface Use Controls:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Oil and gas leasing, exploration and development would be allowed with an NSO stipulation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Range Management:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Surface disturbing activities related to facility development and maintenance would be subject to mitigation guidelines.</li> <li>– Close to grazing the floodplain north and east of the access road. (approximately 26 acres)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fire and Fuels Management:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Area may be subject to fire and fuels management activities to restore and maintain forest health, reduce fire hazards, and maintain wildlife habitat</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Visual Resource Management:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Manage as Class III.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<b>South Hills Recreation Management Area (1357 acres)</b>	
<b>Management Objectives:</b>	<p>The goal is to manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences concurrent with other management priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide recreational opportunities within the Urban Interface area.</li> <li>• Minimize conflicts with adjacent subdivisions.</li> <li>• Provide dispersed recreation experiences.</li> <li>• Mitigate soil erosion on steep slopes.</li> <li>• Provide wildlife habitat.</li> </ul>
<b>Management Actions and Allowable Use Decisions</b>	
<p><b>Recreation and Visitor Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate targeted recreation opportunities:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– A recreation area management plan (RAMP) will be developed.</li> <li>– Hunting allowed in conformance with MTFWP regulations.</li> <li>– Implement current travel management decisions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Maintain setting:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in an urban interface environment. This goal would allow BLM to provide dispersed recreation opportunities and reduce conflicts with adjacent subdivision.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Health, safety, resource protection, user conflict resolution                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Trapping permitted.</li> <li>– Firearms prohibited.</li> <li>– OHV's limited to two-wheeled motorcycles</li> <li>– Day Use Area only.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Special Recreation Permit criteria:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The BLM will provide SRPs for commercial outfitting and guiding (hunting) consistent with 43 CFR 2932.26 and the goal of managing these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Other Programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surface Use Controls:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Oil and gas leasing, exploration and development would be allowed with an NSO stipulation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Range Management:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Allotment 5517, Southland Estates</li> <li>– Surface disturbing activities related to facility development and maintenance would be subject to mitigation guidelines.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fire and Fuels Management:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Area may be subject to fire and fuels management activities to restore and maintain forest health, reduce fire hazards, and maintain wildlife habitat</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Visual Resource Management:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Manage as Class III.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lands and Realty                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Valid ROW(s) for waterline(s)</li> <li>– New utility ROWs would be underground.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMA), Extensive Recreation Management Areas (ERMA) by Alternatives**

SRMAs	Alternative A	Acres	Alternative B	Acres	Alternative C	Acres	Alternative D	Acres
Four Dances Natural Area ACEC	X	784	X	784	X	784	X	784
Sundance Lodge Recreation Area	X	387	X	387	X	387	X	387
Shepherd Ah-Nei		0	X	4,680	X	4,680	X	4,680
Acton Recreation Area		0	X	3,697	X	3,697	X	3,697
Asparagus Point		0		0	X	158	X	158
Bundy Island		0	X	98		0		0
Horsethief TMA		0			X	12,261	X	12,261
Mill Creek/Bundy TMA		0		0	X	34,239		0
Pryor Mountain TMA		0	X	81,277	X	81,277	X	81,277
17 Mile		0		0	X	2,080		0
South Hills TMA		0		0	X	1,357	X	1,357
Yellowstone River Corridor		0		0	X	6,311	X	6,311
# SRMAs / Acres	2 SRMAs / 1,171 acres		6 SRMAs / 90,783 acres		11 SRMAs / 147,181 acres		9 SRMAs / 110,862 acres	
<b>ERMAs</b>								
Shepherd Ah-Nei	X	4,680		0		0		0
Acton Recreation Area	X	3,697		0		0		0
South Hills TMA	X	1,357	X	1,357		0		0
Horsethief TMA	X	12,261	X	12,261		0		0
17 Mile	X	2,080	X	2,080		0	X	2,080
Asparagus Point	X	158	X	158		0		0
Yellowstone River Corridor		0	X	6,213		0		0
Mill Creek Area		0		0		0	X	34,239

# ERMA / Acres	7 ERMA / 105,460 acres	5 ERMA / 7,668 acres	0 ERMA / 0 acres	2 ERMA / 36,319 acres
Non-Designated Areas (public lands not identified as SRMA or ERMA)	All lands not designated as SRMA will be managed as ERMA (327,518 acres)	327,421 acres	288,495 acres	322,418 acres

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